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SUBJECT: NIPPON JINMIN KAIHO RENMEI KORYO SOAN (Japanese Liberation League or Japanese People's Emancipation League).

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was obtained from the files in the Office of the Chief of Counter-Intelligence.

The Japanese Liberation League was formed in Yanan, China early in 1944 by OKANO, Susumu.

The program of the Japanese Liberation League, demanded immediate cessation of the war, punishment of those responsible and the stamping out of militarism in Japan.

The Japanese Liberation League was in close collaboration with the Central Communist Army.

All members of the League in 1944, with the exception of OKANO, were drawn from Japanese Prisoners of War. These men were sent thru the Japanese Peasants and Workers School, which the League instigated, in an effort to re-educate the prisoners captured by the Central Communist Army in China, to a communistic way of thinking.

It is reported that there are 1000 members of this League, led by the Communists, moving from China to Japan.

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SUBJECT: OKANO, Susumu (Alias: NOZAKI, Tetsu, NOSAKA or
NOZAKA, given names are Toru, Tetsu or Sanji).

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was obtained from the files
in the Office of the Chief of Counter-Intelligence.

OKANO is 53 years old, educated in the London School
of Economics and taught at Kei University in Japan.

OKANO participated in labor movement and communist
organizations in Russia, England, and Japan from 1913 to
the present day. He was prominent in the foundation of
the Japanese Communist Party in 1922, and was jailed several
times from 1923 to 1927 because of his activities.

The reports place OKANO in Russia from 1927 until
1936, obtaining a name for himself in the communist party.
In 1936 he returned to Japan to carry on an underground
communist campaign with nothing but vague reports on his
activities.

OKANO was reported working in Yenan, China in 1943.
He was then leading the Japanese Liberation League. Mori,
Yasada and Umeda (given names unknown) were working with
him. All were Prisoners of War.

OKANO supplied Japanese publications to Mr. John
Emmerson and other American officials at the communist
headquarters in Yenan, China, 1944.

The subject has a present day rating of being one of
Japan's top three communists.

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